

# CATAPHRACTUS COSTATUS.



## CHARACTER GENERICUS.

*Corpus* Cataphractum.

*Os terminale.* Bloch. *ichth.* 11. p. 65.  
*Abdominales.*

## CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

CATAPHRACTUS ordine scutorum simplici,  
pinna caudæ lunata.

*Bloch. ichth.* 11. p. 66.

*Mystus cirris* sex longissimis, &c.

*Gronov. Mus.* 2. p. 24.

SILURUS CATAPHRACTUS. S. pinna dorsali  
postica adiposa squamis serie simplici, cirris  
sex, cauda bifida.

*Lin. Syst. Nat.* p. 506.

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A Blochio institutum genus *Cataphractus* perpaucas continet species, quæ ut in *Siluris* dispo-nerentur auctor erat Linnæus. *Cataphractum costatum*, qui exemplum præbeat generis, selegimus, maria incolentem Americana, et corpus habentem præduris laminis armatum. Magnitudo ei ut plurimum est quasi *Cyprini Carpionis*.







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THE  
RIBBED SOLDIER-FISH,



*GENERIC CHARACTER.*

*Body* mailed.

*Mouth* terminal,

*SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.*

SOLDIER-FISH with a simple row of shields,  
and lunated tail.

The American SOLDIER-FISH.

The RIBBED SILURE.

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The genus *Cataphractus*, instituted by Dr. Bloch, contains but a very small number of species, which by Linnæus were arranged under the genus *Silurus*. The *Cataphractus costatus*, selected as an example of the genus, is a native of the American seas, and is remarkable for the very strong or bony armature of the body. It is about the size of a common Carp.